

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicant has elected Group 1, claims 1-12 drawn to a screw.

Regarding the Examiner's request to elect one species (1 or 2) from each of Groups A and B, Applicant elects species 1 from Group A and species 1 from Group B. The claims readable on the elected Group A species are claims 1-6 and 10-12. The claims readable on the elected Group B species are claims 1-11.

Additionally, claim 1 has been amended so as to generally incorporate claims 3 and 4 which have been cancelled.

Please charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Per 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and in connection with the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2005, Applicant respectfully petitions Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 1, 2006. Attached is a check in the amount of \$225 to cover the petition filing fee for a 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) small entity. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR, & ZAFMAN

Dated:

1/27/06

By: _____

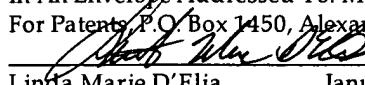


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